

Clark County Comprehensive Plan Update Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

Commenting on the DEIS and Comprehensive Plan Policies

Clark County is in the middle of a multi-year project to update the 1994 Comprehensive Plan. Public involvement is a very important part of the planning process. The Draft Environmental I mpact Statement (DEIS) is a document that contains significant information and analysis on the resources in Clark County and on the proposed alternatives for accommodating growth for the next 20 years. Also being updated are the Comprehensive Plan policies. We want to hear your comments on the contents of the documents and the alternatives in the DEIS. There is a 45-day comment period for the DEIS within which the county can accept public comment. Comments must be received by May 5, 2003 to be considered.

Staff will be available to talk to at drop-in DEIS Open Houses on Tuesday evenings between 4:00 and 7:00 PM in the lobby of the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St., Vancouver between March 25 and April 29, 2003.

There are several ways in which to access the DEIS. There are hard copies or CD-ROM versions available for purchase from the locations below. The costs will be \$94.00 for hard copies of the DEIS, \$21.00 for the Comprehensive Plan policies and \$5.00 for a CD-ROM which contains both documents.

- Clark County Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St., 1st floor Permit Center, Vancouver (Hours: 8 AM-4:30 PM) Phone (360) 397-2375 x4993or,
- North Clark County Resource Center, 701 E. Main Street, Battle Ground (Hours: 8 AM-Noon, 1-4 PM) Phone (360) 687-7126
- The DELS and Comprehensive Plan policies will be available online in a .pdf format on the County web site at: www.clark.wa.gov/comdev/longrange/DELS.asp A reference copy of the DELS and CD-ROM will be located at city halls, branch libraries and sheriff's precinct offices at the following locations:

City Halls

<u>Vancouver City Hall</u> - 210 East 13th St. <u>Camas City Hall</u> -616 NE 4th Avenue <u>LaCenter City Hall</u> -214 E. 4th Street <u>Yacolt Town Hall</u> -105 E. Yacolt Rd. Battle Ground City Hall -302 East Main St. Washougal City Hall -1701 C Street Ridgefield City Hall -230 Pioneer Street

Libraries

Fort Vancouver Regional Library-1007 East Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver Westfield Mall Branch- 8700 NE Vancouver Mall Dr.

Three Creeks Branch-800-C NE Tenny Road

Cascade Park Branch-301 SE Hearthwood, Vancouver

Washougal Branch-1661 C Street Battle Ground Branch-12 West Main St. <u>Camas Library</u>-421 NE Franklin St. Ridgefield Branch-210 N. Main St.

Precincts

Central Precinct – 11608 NE 149th St., Brush Prairie West Precinct – 505 NW 179th Street, Ridgefield

How to Comment on the DEIS and Comprehensive Plan Policies

To best consider your input on the DETS and Comprehensive Plan polices, comments should be relevant to the alternatives, policies and facts in the documents. Things to consider might include what you think about the alternative(s) and policies and how they best reflect the needs of the county for growth management in areas such as the economy, land use, transportation, public services, housing, and the environment.

In order to process and include public comments in an orderly way, we'd like to suggest a few ways to format your comments that will allow us to read, analyze and include the comments in a response document.

1. MAIL: You may send us a letter with your comments. Please include your name, address, email address (if available), and who you represent (yourself or others). Note what page number, line number and section you are commenting on (i.e. page 49, lines 23-48, Stormwater). If possible, please order your comments in the same order as the sections appear in the DEIS or Comprehensive Plan. If you use text from a CD-ROM or .pdf file and use your software to track changes, please submit a summarized version of your comments/edits in a letter format.

Comments should be mailed to:

CLARK COUNTY DEPT. OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,
Patrick Lee, Long Range Planning Manager
PO Box 9810
Vancouver, WA 98666-9810.

For more information you may contact: Long Range Planning Division, (360) 397-2375 ext. 4993

- 2. EMAIL: You may send us an email or contact us through our web site, listed on the other side of this sheet. Please use the "Contact Us" button to send a message. Again, please order your comments consecutively noting page, line number and subject. Refer to (1) above.
- 3. PHONE or IN PERSON: County staff will be happy to talk with you about the Comprehensive Plan update and the DELS. You can make an appointment through the phone number above or visit one of our open houses on Tuesday evenings in the lobby of the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St., in Vancouver. However, in order to enter your comments in the official public record, we will need to have them in written form. A follow up letter or comment sheet from a public meeting with your comments to us will assure that they are entered into the record.